

## Flu Watch

MMWR Week 21: May 20 to May 26, 2018

All data are provisional and subject to change as more reports are received.

## **Geographic Spread**

South Carolina reported **sporadic activity** this week.



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

A total of **2** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 24 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **90.5** per 100,000. There was **1** laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated death reported; however, this death occurred in a previous week. The cumulative mortality rate is **5.5** per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations **decreased** by **14** (**87.5%**) and number of reported deaths **decreased** by **1** (**100%**). In the current flu season, there have been **4,491** influenza-associated hospitalizations and **272** influenza-associated deaths reported.



## **Virologic Surveillance**

A total of **97** influenza cases (**96** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **1** lab-confirmed test) were reported from 22 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza B was most frequently reported by clinical labs. Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **31** cases (**24.2%**). In the current flu season, there have been **135,218** influenza cases (**131,665** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,553** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/">http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/</a>

## ili

### **Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance**

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.19%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is an **increase** of **0.10%**.

The ILI activity level was minimal.

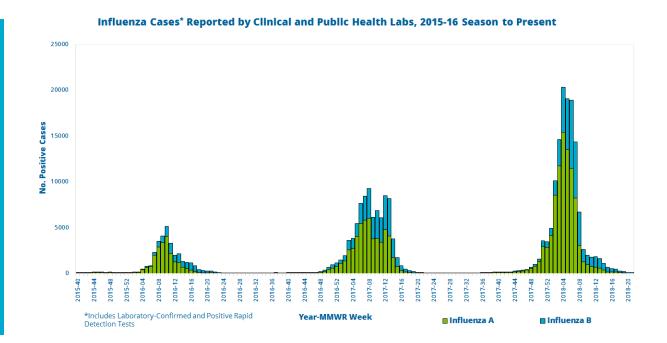
For national surveillance, please visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>



# **Virologic Surveillance**

This week, **1** lab-confirmed cases and **96** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

**Influenza B** was most frequently reported by clinical labs.

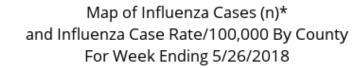


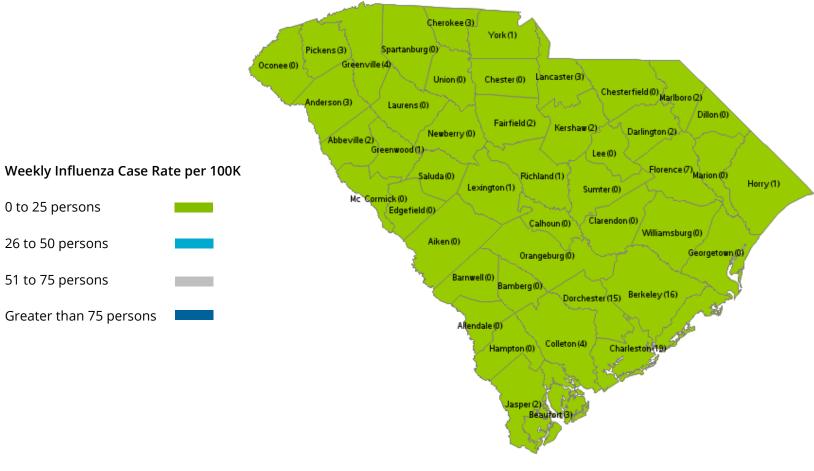
#### Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

| Influenza Type            | Public    | : Health Lab | CI         | inical Labs   | Total      |               |  |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--|
|                           | This Week | Season Total | This Week  | Season Total  | This Week  | Season Total  |  |
| Overall                   | 0         | 228          | 97         | 134990        | 97         | 135218        |  |
| Influenza A               | 0         | 168 (73.7%)  | 31 (32.0%) | 91100 (67.5%) | 31 (32.0%) | 91268 (67.5%) |  |
| A (H3)                    |           | 127 (75.6%)  |            | 390 (0.4%)    |            | 517 (0.6%)    |  |
| A (H1N1)                  |           | 41 (24.4%)   |            | 168 (0.2%)    |            | 209 (0.2%)    |  |
| A (not subtyped)          |           |              | 31 (100%)  | 90542 (99.4%) | 31 (100%)  | 90542 (99.2%) |  |
| Influenza B               | 0         | 60 (26.3%)   | 66 (68.0%) | 43375 (32.1%) | 66 (68.0%) | 43435 (32.1%) |  |
| B (Victoria)              |           | 2 (3.4%)     |            |               |            | 2 (0.0%)      |  |
| B (Yamagata)              |           | 53 (88.3%)   |            |               |            | 53 (0.1%)     |  |
| B (lineage not performed) |           | 5 (8.3%)     | 66 (100%)  | 43375 (100%)  | 66 (100%)  | 43380 (99.9%) |  |
| Influenza (not typed)     |           |              | 0          | 515 (0.4%)    | 0          | 515 (0.4%)    |  |



# **Virologic Surveillance**





\*Includes all lab-confirmed and positive rapid cases

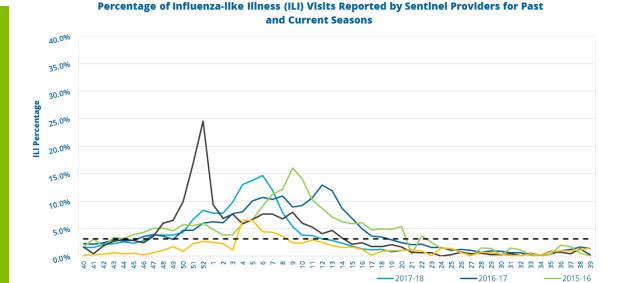


## Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

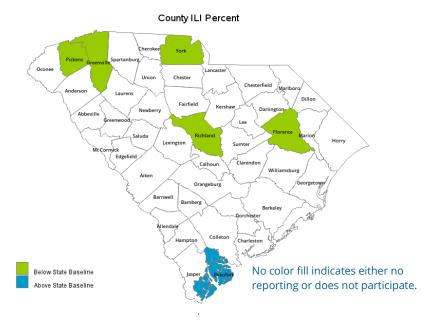
This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.19%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.13%**.

Reports were received from providers in 6 counties, representing all 4 DHEC Public Health regions.

\*\*ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.\*\*



**MMWR Week** 



# State ILI Activity Level 2017-18 Calendar by Week of the Year

**—** 2014-15

2013-14

Baseline

| OCT | NOV       | DEC       | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 40  | 44        | 48        | 1   | 5   | 9   | 14  | 18  |     |     |     |     |
| 41  | 45        | 49        | 2   | 6   | 10  | 15  | 19  |     |     |     |     |
| 42  | 46        | <b>50</b> | 3   | 7   | 11  | 16  | 20  |     |     |     |     |
| 43  | 47        | <b>51</b> | 4   | 8   | 12  | 17  | 21  |     |     |     |     |
|     | <b>52</b> |           |     | 13  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

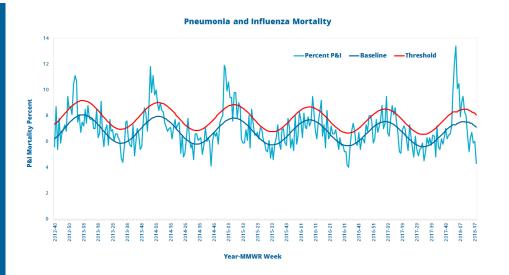
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

| Age        | Hospitalizations |          |        | Deaths    |          |        |  |
|------------|------------------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| Group      |                  |          |        |           |          |        |  |
|            | This Week        | Rate per | Season | This Week | Rate per | Season |  |
|            |                  | 100, 000 | Total  |           | 100, 000 | Total  |  |
| 0 to 4     | 0                | 54.2     | 159    |           | 1.0      | 3      |  |
| 5 to 17    | 0                | 17.5     | 141    |           |          |        |  |
| 18 to 49   | 0                | 29.2     | 584    |           | 1.3      | 27     |  |
| 50 to 64   | 0                | 115.5    | 1052   |           | 5.0      | 46     |  |
| 65 & older | 2                | 404.4    | 2555   |           | 31.0     | 196    |  |
| Total      | 2                | 90.5     | 4491   |           | 5.5      | 272    |  |

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 4.3%. This is **below** the epidemic threshold for the week ending May 5, 2018.



#### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group, 2015-16 Season to Present

